(b) and (c) The above stretch could be considered for widening to four lanes, subject to ascertaining feasibility of its implementation through private sector participation and *inter-se* priority of works.

Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project

1754. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of World Bank loan sanctioned to Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project-I;

(b) how many kilometers of road development had been taken under the above loan;

(c) whether the entire loan amount has been completely spent;

(d) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted the Highways Improvement Project-II seeking World Bank loan; and

(e) if so, the amount of loan sought for and the kilometers proposed to be taken up for development under the proposed project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) This Ministry is responsible for development & maintenance of National Highways and does not monitor the projects on State Highways. However, Government of Karnataka has intimated that the World Bank has sanctioned a loan of $360 million to Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project for improvement of 2381 km. of State Highways and Major District Roads and this amount has not been completely spent, since the project is still in progress.

(d) and (e) Proposals for loans from State Government are not routed through this Ministry.

Proposals for National Highways in U.P.

1755. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from the State of Uttar Pradesh relating to the construction of National Highways during the last two years;